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For: BURNER ASSEMBLY FOR A GAS-
BURNING FIREPLACE

Examiner: J. C. Yeung

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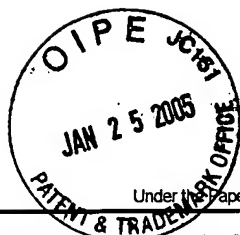
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